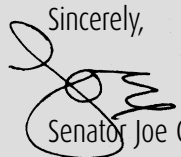


Dear Neighbor,

I am deeply honored that you have given me the privilege of serving you once again as your state Senator. I look forward to continuing my work on behalf of the people of Beacon Falls now that the 2007 Legislative Session has begun.

Health care coverage remains my top priority. Other priorities are addressing the high cost of energy in our state and the need to provide property tax relief. These and other matters are discussed briefly in this newsletter. I hope that you will take a moment to review the information.

As your state Senator, I welcome your views. Please feel free to contact me at **1-800-842-1420, ext. 0189** with your ideas, concerns or suggestions. Together we can make Connecticut a better, safer and healthier state in which to live and work.

Sincerely,

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Health Care: One of our greatest challenges is establishing a foundation for acceptable medical insurance coverage for the 250,000-300,000 people in Connecticut who are without such coverage, and are not eligible for Medicaid or Medicare.

We also must ensure that health care coverage is affordable and accessible. I, therefore, proposed a number of bills that would:

- Establish the Nutmeg Health Insurance Plan to provide accessible and affordable health insurance for Connecticut residents
- Expand health insurance for dependent unmarried children until age 23
- Increase access to health insurance for individuals and small businesses

Energy: The high cost of energy in Connecticut hurts everyone – homeowners, renters, corporations, businesses. To control energy costs, I believe that we must consider rolling back some of the deregulation measures of the energy market. We also must continue to move forward with the creation of alternative energy sources, and encourage programs that allow residents and business owners to conserve energy and use it more efficiently. I proposed legislation that would:

- Encourage the use of alternative fuels to help reduce our energy costs
- Encourage the use of alternative fuels in motor vehicles
- Require state-owned vehicles to run on alternative fuels
- Provide incentives to individuals who purchase an alternative fuel or “flex” fuel vehicle

Property Tax: I proposed the following bills to help reduce the property tax burden for residents:

- Increase the property tax credit on the personal income tax
- Freeze the property tax for persons 65 years and older who meet certain income requirements



ABOVE: Speaking with a group of seniors at the 17th District Senior Fair in Ansonia.

Beacon Falls Seniors Attend My Annual Senior Fair

I was pleased to welcome Beacon Falls residents to the Annual Senior Fair held at Warsaw Park in Ansonia. The fair, which took place last October, attracted more than 800 people from throughout the 17th Senatorial District. 50 agencies and organizations were on hand to provide flu shots; free glaucoma, osteoporosis and blood pressure screenings; nutrition counseling; information about housing; prescription drug coverage; and much more. The next Senior Fair will take place on **Thursday, October 11, 2007**. I look forward to seeing you there.

RIGHT: More than 100 seventh-grade girls from the 17th District participated in the 2006 Girls & Technology Expo that I co-sponsored at Quinnipiac University.

From Your State Senator **JOE CRISCO** Spotlight on Beacon Falls

Beacon Falls 7th-Grade Girls Attend Girls and Technology Expo

10 seventh-grade girls from Long River Middle School were selected to participate in my Annual Girls and Technology Expo, which was held last spring at Quinnipiac University in Hamden. Through a variety of hands-on workshops, they explored technology-based fields including TV broadcasting, respiratory therapy, and computer programming. The purpose of the EXPO is to encourage young women to take the necessary courses that will prepare them to succeed in a workplace that is increasingly dependent on knowledge of technology.

